Regarding hiring of HEMM, ECL have been directed to take necessary action to reduce hiring and stick to the commitment made to the Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU) to discontinue deployment of hiring HEMM by the end of March 1991.

Supply of heavy equipment to Western Coalfields Ltd.

*358. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state}

(a) whether it is a fact that a Madras based General Marketing and Manufacturing Company working in the Chandrapur District of Maharasthra is supplying heavy equipment, machinery and spare parts in large quantities to the Western Coalfields Ltd., Chandrapur;

(b) if so, for how long this company has been supplying the above material to the Western Coalfields Ltd. and also the amount paid therefor during the last three years till the 31st July, 1990, together with details of the material purchased;

(c) whether it is a fact that this company offered job to some close relations of the Chief General Manager and the Dy. General Manager of the Western Coalfields Ltd.;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the close relation of these officials were apprehended on the charge of murder of one Shri Sudarshan Lai a superintendent of the same company;

(e) if so, what action has been taken by his Ministry against the supplier company and the **W. C. L.** officials for their alleged involvement in the deal; and

(f) whether this case has been given to the C. B. I. for inquiry, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN): (a)M/s. General Marketing & Mfg. Co. working in Chandrapur filed are not supplying heavy equipments and machinery. They are only supplying spares, being the authorised organisation of M/s. Hindustan Motors Ltd., the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of dumpers, loaders, etc. of different capacities. They are also rendering after-sales-services (including spares) for HEMM supplied by Hindustan Motors Ltd.

(b) M/s. General Marketing & Mfg. Co. have been supplying spares and rendering aftcr-sales-service since 1975. The amount paid by WCL to the firm during the last three years and till 31st July of the current year in respect of WCL as a whole and Chandrapur area are indicated below: —<

-	WCL	Chandrapur
1987-88....	Rs. 1, 52, 38, 726/-	Rs. 1, 23, 19, CCC/-
		Rs. 1, 15, 08, 993/-
1989-90....	. Rs. 3, 72, 61, 767/-	Rs. 1, 53, 09, 307/-
1990-91.... (Upto July '90)		Rs. 64, 21, 816/-

(c) It is a fact that Shri Rajendra Singh son of Shri S. S. Saran, Chief General Manager, Chandrapur area is working with M/s. General Marketing & Mfg. Co. as Service Engineer. Chandrapur area has only one Dy. General Manager viz. Shri N. K. Sharma. None of his relations is working with M/s. GMMCO.

(d) It is a fact that Shri Rajendra Singh son of Shri S. S. Saran, CGM, Chandrapur area and Shri Milind Naik son of Shri V. Naik, Ex-Dy. General Manager, Chandrapur area who is working as JuniorlExe-cutive Trainee (Mining) in Ballarpur area of WCL were arrested by police during the investigation in the case of alleged murder/disappearance of Shri Sudarsan Lal, Superintendent of M/s. GMMCO. They are arrested along with four others on 1-8/ 2-8-90 in case No. 185/90 and subsequently released on bail on 10-8-90.

(e) No deal involving the officials of WCL with M/s. GMMCO has come to notice. Hence, question of taking action does not arise.

(f) Not applicable in view of (e) above.

Utilisation of Gas produced in The Bombay High

♦359. SHRIPRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to . Unstarred Question 633 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what additional facilities have been created to bring the gas produced in the Bombay High to the shore for supply to the consumers;

(b) whether an inter-ministerial Committee set up for examining the various issues pertaining to the establishment of a Southern Gas Grid has completed its task;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what progress has been made for the supply of natural gas to domestic consumers as also industrial and commercial consumers in Bombay; and

(e) what progress* has been made in the matter of supplying natural gas to Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhopal, Delhi and Simla?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The Hscra Process Complex was commissioned by ONGC on 2-9-1990 and the Heera-Uran Gas Trunkline was commissioned on 8-8-1990 thereby increasing the utilisation of natural gas by 1. 5 million cubic metres per day.

(b) No, Sir. The report of the Inter-Ministerial Group is yet to be submitted.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) GAIL's proposal for the supply of natural gas in the Bombay city for domestic and commercial consumers is under consideration of Government.

(e) At present there is no proposal for supplying gas for domestic use in Jaipur, Bhopal and Simla. Gas is already being supplied to a power plant of DESU in Delhi, Further GAIL have undertaken a feasibility study of a scheme to supply gas for domestic/commercial purposes in and around Delhi. The request of Government of Gujarat for supply of gas to Ahmedabad has not been agreed to so far in view of the availability and existing commitments of gas in the area.